

Remarks

Claim 25 is canceled.

Claims 1, 2, 4-12, 19 and 21-24 are amended.

Claims 28-37 are added.

Claims 1, 2, 4-12, 19-24 and 26-37 will be pending upon entry of this Amendment.

Claims 1, 26, 27 and 28 are independent.

There are now 29 claims total and 4 independent claims. The original application contained 27 claims and 4 independent claims. A fee letter is attached for 2 additional claims.

Claims 1, 2, 4-12 and 19 and 21-24 are amended to delete "recording material". These claims are now aimed at ink jet inks and ink jet systems. The definition for ink jet systems is taken from original claim 25, which is now deleted as redundant.

New claims 28-37 correspond to original claims 1, 2, 4, 6, 8, 12, 19, 21, 22 and 24. New claims 28-37 are aimed at ink jet recording material. The recording material is required to have a coating layer which is able to absorb ink, where the coating layer comprises at least one compound of components a) and b). Support for said coating layer is found in the specification, page 20, second and last full paragraphs.

No new matter is added with the present amendments.

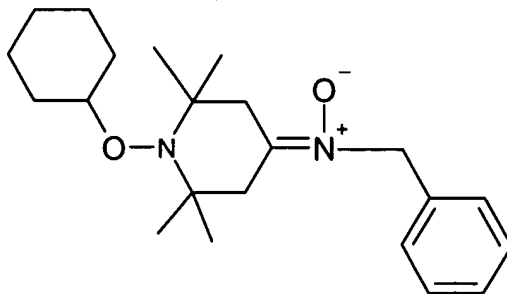
Claim Rejections

Applicants note with appreciation that the previous rejections are overcome. New rejections apply.

Claim 12 is rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, for reasons of record.

The Examiner states the specific compound N-benzyl-N-(1-cyclohexyloxy-2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperidin-4-ylidene)amino-N-oxide appears not to be a nitron.

Applicants confirm that this compound is:



which is in fact a nitron (as defined in the specification, page 12, last paragraph).

Applicants submit that the 35 USC 112, second paragraph rejections are overcome.

Claims 1, 2, 4, 5 and 21-24 are rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Seltzer, et al., U.S. published app. No. 2002/0174964.

Claims 1, 2, 4, 5 and 21-24 are rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Seltzer, et al., U.S. published app. No. 2002/0088574.

Claims 1, 2, 4, 5 and 21-24 are rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Seltzer, et al., U.S. Pat. No. 6,599,326.

Claims 20 and 25, aimed at an ink jet ink and an ink jet system, respectively, are not rejected under 35 USC 102(b).

Claims 1, 2, 4-12, 19 and 21-24 are amended to be aimed at ink jet inks or ink jet systems, as discussed above.

Applicants submit that in light of the present amendments, that the 35 USC 102(b) rejections are addressed and are overcome.

Claims 1, 2, 20, 25 and 26 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Omatsu, et al., published U.S. app. No. 2003/0097959.

Claims 22-24 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Omatsu '959 in view of Seltzer '326.

Claim 27 is rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Omatsu '959 in view of Seltzer '326.

Omatsu only very generically discloses hydroxylamines. The two specific hydroxylamines (among 94 specific compounds) are not included in the present claims (compounds I-63 and I-64 on page 25). Thus, Omatsu is effectively removed as a reference.

Claims 1, 6, 12 and 22-24 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Suhadolnik, U.S. Pat. No. 4,972,009.

Claims 7-9 and 19 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Suhadolnik '009 in view of Ravichandran, et al., U.S. Pat. No. 4,898,901.

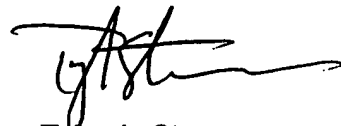
These rejections are overcome by virtue of the present amendments.

In view of the present amendments and the above discussion, Applicants submit that each of the 35 USC 112, second paragraph, 35 USC 102(b) and 35 USC 103(a) rejections have been addressed and are overcome.

The Examiner is kindly requested to reconsider and to withdraw the present rejections.

Applicants submit that the present claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request that they be found allowable.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. Stevenson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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